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SUBJECT: OVERHAUL OF LIBYAN C-130S IN BRITAIN

1. UK EMBOFF INFORMED DEPARTMENT APRIL 12 HIS GOVERNMENT
HAD BEEN ASKED BY UK FIRM FOR ASSESSMENT OF U.S. REACTION
IF FIRM OVERHAULED LIBYAN C-130S. EMBOFF SAID FIRM DOES
CONSIDERABLE BUSINESS WITH USG AND DID NOT WANT TO IMPAIR
GOOD RELATIONS. EMBOFF WAS INFORMED THAT LOCKHEED'S
FOREIGN AFFILIATES ARE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN DEPARTMENT'S
PRIOR CONSENT BEFORE PERFORMING MAINTENANCE ON LIBYAN
C-130S TO THE EXTENT THAT THE WORK INVOLVES ARTICLES OR
TECHNICAL DATA EXPORTED FROM THE U.S. AND THAT USG WOULD
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NOT APPROVE ANY REQUEST RELATED TO OVERHAUL OF THESE
AIRCRAFT. EMBOFF INFORMED SIMILAR STATEMENT ALREADY MADE
TO BELGIANS FOLLOWING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY BELGIAN
FIRM IN UNDERTAKING OVERHAULS.

2. DEPARTMENT DECIDED IN FEBRUARY NOT TO ISSUE MUNITIONS
CONTROL LICENSES REQUIRED FOR OVERHAULS, EXPORTS OF SPARE

PARTS AND CONTINUED ON-SITE MAINTENANCE BY LOCKHEED ON THE EIGHT C-130S OPERATED BY THE LIBYAN AIRFORCE. THESE DECISIONS RESULTED FROM USG CONCERN WITH LIBYAN SUPPORT

FOR INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. USG BELIEVES THAT THIS LIBYAN BEHAVIOR MAKES IT INAPPROPRIATE TO PERMIT LIBYA TO ACQUIRE U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES WHICH COULD BE USED TO FURTHER LIBYAN MILITARY CAPABILITY.

3. IN DISCUSSION WITH BRITISH EMBOFF, IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT BOTH ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS DEEPLY CONCERNED

ABOUT TERRORISM AND THAT CONGRESS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING SEVERAL MEASURES WHICH WOULD CALL FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST STATES, SUCH AS LIBYA, WHICH SUPPORT TERRORISTS.

4. EMBOFF SAID UK CONTINUES REFUSE AUTHORIZE EXPORT TO LIBYA OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT WHICH COULD BE USED BY TERRORISTS OR IN SUPPORT OF TERRORISTS BUT FOR COMMERCIAL REASONS, AND TO EXERCISE SOME HOPEFULLY BENEFICIAL INFLUENCE, UK WILL CONTINUE SELL MILITARY EQUIPMENT NOT SUITED TO TERRORIST EXPLOITATION, E.G. FRIGATES, AND TO TRAIN MEMBERS OF LIBYAN NAVY.

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